THE WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

REGULAR P.T.A. MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8 P.M. - BOYS' GYM

After a brief business session in the Boys' Gym at 8 o'clock on Monday, November 28, parents will follow the schedules of their children and have a chance to meet the teachers and learn the contents of the various subjects that the students are offered at Wakefield.

Prior to the meeting, children will furnish their parents with a schedule of their classes, teachers' names and home rooms. After the general meeting, parents will go to the appropriate home room and follow a typical day, going from room to room, just as their children do. Each class period will be about 10 minutes long and the public address system will signal the end of each period.

There will be adult and student school guides to direct parents as well as pointers to various parts of the building that will indicate room locations.

All parents are urged to take this opportunity to meet and get acquainted with their childrens' teachers and the subjects their children are studying this year. A P.T.A. representative of the membership committee will be in each home room to enroll new members. Remember - membership entitles you to a free copy of a "Handbook For Wakefield Parents."

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The Hospitality Committee wishes to thank the more than 140 persons who have signed up via P.T.A. to be of help to them. The Committee will do its best to use their services during the school year.

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"Cinderella" will be presented on Monday, December 12, at Wakefield, by the Tell-A-Tale Theater. Tickets will be on sale at the box office for those who have not purchased them to date.

WAKEFIELD PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION
Arlington, Virginia

Proposed Budget for School Year 1955-1956

INCOME:

Actual:			
Balance to start 1955-1956 School Year		$79.20	
Membership dues received to Oct.31, 1955... (1419 members)		746.00	$825.20
Estimated:			
Additional membership dues		$150.00	
Additional miscellaneous		24.80	174.80 $1,000.

EXPENSES:

Fixed Charges - Dues (Based on estimated 1600 members)			
County - $4 for first 100 members 2 for each additional 100		$34.00	
District - @ 1½¢ per member		24.00	
State - @20¢ per member		320.00	
National - @5¢ per member		80.00	$458.00
Committees:			
Citizenship		$15.00	
Curriculum & Parent Education		15.00	
Expectional Child.....		15.00	
Health		15.00	
Hospitality.....		50.00	
Legislation		-	
Library.....		-	
Membership		-	
Program		-	
Publicity (Bulletin)			
Postage & Postal Permit.....	$110.00		
Paper & Other Supplies.....	115.00	225.00	
Speech Representative		15.00	$350.00
Miscellaneous:			
Arlington County Council for American Education Week,,,

CALENDAR OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

P.T.A. MEETING	Nov. 28	Boys' Gym.	8 P.M.
COLLEGE NIGHT	Dec. 1	Cafeteria	8 P.M.
J.R.C.	Dec. 2	Girls' Gym	8-10:30 P.M.
End of First 12 week period	Dec. 2		
Fall Athletic Banquet	Dec. 3	Cafeteria	6-10 P.M.
Senior Class Party	Dec. 10	Girls' Gym	8-11 P.M.
Wrestling Matches	Dec. 16	Boys' Gym	7:30-10:30 P.M.
J.R.C.	Dec. 16	Girls' Gym	8-10:30 P.M.
SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - END OF SCHOOL DAY - THURSDAY,	Dec. 22		
School reopens	Jan. 3		
Parent Meeting	Jan. 5	Auditorium	8-10 P.M.
Wrestling matches	Jan. 6	Boys' Gym	8-10:30 P.M.
Basketball Game	Jan.10	Boys' Gym	7:30-10:30 P.M.
Basketball-Wrestling	Jan.13	Boys' Gym	7-10:30 P.M.
Basketball game	Jan.17	Boys' Gym	7:30-10:30 P.M.
J.R.C.	Jan.20	Girls' Gym	8-10:30 P.M.
In-Service Training	Jan.25,26,27		
Basketball Game	Jan.27	Boys' Gym	7:30-10:30 P.M.
P.T.A. Meeting	Jan.30	Auditorium	8-10:30 P.M.
Beginning of Second Semester	Jan.30		

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COLLEGE NIGHT

In preparation for college entrance, junior and senior students and their parents will meet in the cafeteria at Wakefield on Thursday, December 1 with representatives of at least 24 major colleges in the U.S. who will explain the various entrance requirements, courses of study and other aspects and specialties of each college. After assembling in the cafeteria where the procedure for the evening will be explained, parents and students will disburse to an assigned section of rooms in each of which a half-hour session with a college representative is planned. Parents and students are advised that if they have more than three colleges under consideration, they may attend College Night at Washington and Lee on November 30 and listen to the representatives of several of the colleges at that school. Washington and Lee juniors and seniors and their parents may avail themselves of the same opportunity at Wakefield.

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P.T.A. STATE CONVENTION

As reported by Mr. William M. Lightsey, delegate to the 1955 State Convention, three Arlingtonians were elected to the State Board of Managers. They are: Dr. Barney Draheim, Treasurer; Dr. Phoebe Knipling, Chairman of the Health Committee; and Mrs. Shirley Wheeler, Chairman of the Juvenile Protection Committee.

Other highlights of the Convention were the approval of the establishment of a $1200 fund for 4 scholarships for college freshmen who plan to enter the teaching profession in the State of Virginia for at least one year, and the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. Kavanaugh; Vice-president, Dr. Edgar Johnson; Secretary, Dr. Bruce Silcox, of Alexandria; Treasurer, Dr. Barney Draheim; Historian, Dr. Nelson.

Dr. H. L. Willett, in his address on "How Important is Public Education?" emphasized the need to recognize that we are spending huge sums to contain Communism through military preparations and foreign aid while not giving sufficient support toward the education of our children who are the most important weapon this country has in preventing the spread of communism.

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P.T.A. MEMBERSHIP

Put Wakefield P.T.A. over the top!
Our goal --- 1200 families
Present status -- 62% subscribed.
Make sure you are one of the 38% who sign up for P.T.A. on Monday, November 28.

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GRADE-LEVEL MEETINGS

On Monday, October 24, for the third consecutive year, Wakefield P.T.A. held grade-level meetings for parents who want to know about our school. Close to 600 persons attended and participated in the interesting and spirited discussions of such problems as; study habits, the co-recreational program, guidance, college preparation, testing, grading, reporting, conferences, use of the library, curriculum, cafeteria, behavior problems and a variety of other questions pertinent to the individual and collective grades.

The parent-education and curriculum committee is evaluating the reports of the grade-level chairmen and plans to prepare a question and answer sheet which will be mailed to the parents sometime after the committee meets on December 6.

The success of the evening was due to the many parents and teachers who acted as leaders, moderators and recorders and did the telephoning. The committee extends its thanks to them as well as to the grade-level chairmen who made the necessary arrangements - 7th grade - Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mrs. Ted Taylor; 8th grade - Mrs. James Verner, Mrs. John Rosardo, Mrs. Louis Plost; 9th grade - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strain; 10th grade - Mrs. Phillip Winston, Mrs. D. W. Loutzenheiser; 11th grade - Mrs. H. Wirin, Mrs. G. W. Parker; 12th grade - Mrs. D. Krupsaw, Mrs. James McGlathery.

Because the Wakefield P.T.A. does such an outstanding job, there have been requests from other schools to watch its various committees function. No finer example could be found than the parent-education and curriculum committee which had as its visitors on November 15 Mr. McCue, Principal of the E. C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, Virginia and Mr. Bond, its P.T. A. President.

CONCERTS PLANNED

Word from Mrs. Benjamin Carol, County P.T.A. music chairman, is that the National Symphony Orchestra will be gining a tiny-tots concert (ages 3-7) in the Fort Meyer Gym on Friday, December 2,at 10 A.M. and at 11:15 A.M. Tickets are $.75 each and may be gotten at Audio-consultants, 76 N. Glebe Road or at the box office.

Watch for the All Arlington Christmas Festival which will be held on Sunday, December 18, at the Washington and Lee High School. It will feature the Arlington Civic Symphony and local choirs. Further details and time to be announced.

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PERSONAL GLIMPSES

JUERGEN MIMKES - STUDENT

Aiding in international good-will and understanding, Juergen Mimkes, sixteen, of Norden, Germany, has joined the student body of Wakefield. He is residing here for one year with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Compton and their sons, as an exchange student sponsored by the Church of the Brethern under the auspices of the Church World Service. He has already adapted to American Teen-age customs by the acquisition of a pair of blue-jeans and a morning paper route.

ROGER F. WHEELER - TEACHER

Students and parents alike will find Mr. Roger F. Wheeler, exchange teacher from England, a very satisfactory replacement for the competent math teacher, Mr. Gilmer Weatherly, whose classes he will teach this year. Mr. Wheeler comes from Hull, in Yorkshire, was educated at Bradford Grammar School and Trinity College, Cambridge and taught at Hymers College, a secondary school in Hull.

Noting that school children were pretty much the same the same the world over, Mr. Wheeler observed that the teacher-pupil relationship was less formal here than in Britain and that he liked this and always encouraged it among his pupils.

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